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UG END SEMESTER EXAMINATION-NOV 2025

BA: III Semester

PS325: Western and Indian Political Thought

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TIME: 3 hours.

MAX. MARKS: 80



This paper contains TWO printed pages and FOUR parts

Instructions:

1. Verify and ensure that the question paper is completely printed.
2. Any discrepancies or questions about the exam paper must be reported to the COE within 1 hour after the examination.
3. Students must check the course title and course code before answering the questions.

PART-A

Answer ALL questions. Each answer carries ONE mark.

[1 x 10 = 10]

1. Which of the following best describes the main focus of Greek political thought?
(a) Individual rights (b) Ethical and rational basis of politics (c) Economic equality (d) Religious authority
2. Socrates emphasized that virtue is:
(a) Wealth (b) Power (c) Knowledge (d) Obedience
3. According to Plato, justice in the ideal state means:
(a) Equal distribution of wealth (b) Every class performing its own function (c) Rule by the military (d) Absence of laws
4. Aristotle classified governments based on:
(a) Economic systems (b) Number of rulers and common good (c) Level of democracy (d) Military strength
5. St. Augustine's "Two Swords Doctrine" explains the relationship between:
(a) Church and State (b) King and Parliament (c) Religion and Morality (d) Faith and Reason
6. St. Thomas Aquinas's "Eternal Law" refers to:
(a) The law of kings (b) The divine wisdom of God (c) Human-made law (d) Customary practices
7. According to Machiavelli, the foundation of political power is:
(a) Morality (b) Virtue and Realism (c) Religious devotion (d) Economic equality
8. Hobbes in *Leviathan* justified:
(a) Rule of law (b) Absolute sovereignty (c) Democracy (d) Social anarchism
9. Kautilya's Saptanga Theory refers to:
(a) Seven limbs of the state (b) Seven principles of war (c) Seven duties of a ruler (d) Seven paths to virtue
10. Gandhi's concept of *Hind Swaraj* mainly advocates:
(a) Industrialization (b) Western modernization (c) Moral and self-rule (d) Constitutional monarchy

PART-B

Answer any FIVE questions. Each answer carries TWO marks.

[2x 5= 10]

11. What do you mean by "Political Realism" in Machiavelli's thought?
12. What was Ambedkar's view on caste system?
13. What is Mary Wollstonecraft's contribution to women's rights?
14. Define Utilitarianism.
15. Write the two features of Greek political thought.
16. Define the universal existence concept of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.
17. What is St. Augustine concept of Just war?

PART-C

Answer any FOUR questions. Each answer carries FIVE marks.

[5x 4= 20]

18. Explain the salient features of Medieval Political Thought.
19. Discuss Plato's views on education in the Ideal State.
20. Examine Rousseau's idea of General Will.
21. Write a note on Bentham's principle of Utility.
22. Explain Gautama Buddha's *Dasharaja Dharma*.
23. Discuss Ambedkar's views on caste and political participation.

PART-D

Answer any four questions. Each answer carries ten marks.

[10x4 =40]

24. Examine the ethical foundations of Socrates' political philosophy.
25. Discuss Aristotle's classification of governments and his theory of revolution.
26. Evaluate Machiavelli's political realism and his separation of politics from religion.
27. Compare and contrast the political ideas of Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau.
28. Analyze Kautilya's *Mandala Theory* and its relevance in modern international relations.
29. Discuss the contributions of Savitribai Phule and Pandita Ramabai to women's education and social reform.